

Depositions  
of some of the victims of the  
Ku - Klux  
outrages in North Carolina, with  
three letters found either in their  
houses, or on their persons, collected by  
Capt. Albion Howe  
4<sup>th</sup> Regt. Arty. U. S. A.  
Presented to the Buffalo Historical  
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Wm. H. Hux

Reminiscences  
North Carolina

1871 - 72.



# John & Angelina Wellmans.

Appeared before me this  
day John Wellman & Angelina Wellman  
swear that on or about the 18<sup>th</sup> of March  
1878. a party of men came to his house in  
disguise & rattled down the door or we  
will break it down, and before there had  
time to open the door it was broken down  
he made his escape by jumping out the  
window when they discovered he was out  
they ran round and shot at him several  
times but did not happen to hit him  
they then came in the house a great num-  
ber of them and broke down the bookcase  
and broke it all to pieces and set the beds  
on fire two of them and set the house on  
fire in two places one the inside and even  
the outside they then went of swearing  
that they would have him. Angelina  
swears that Pinkney Petty Frank Baxter,  
Mel Eskridges George Cubany son of Wellmans  
were there and helped do it.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
the 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 1878



2.

Edward Patterson.

Appeared before me this day  
Edward Patterson that on or about the 1<sup>st</sup>  
day of Jan<sup>r</sup> 1870 a party of disguised men ca-  
me to his house. Take him out of the house  
and said they were sent from Tennessee to  
stop the dam<sup>n</sup> negroes from voting the Radical  
ticket. They then blindfolded him and took him  
to a rocky place and jerked him down and torn  
his shirt off and beat him severely with clubs  
and then said the next time we come back we  
will beat you worse than this time. They then went  
in the direction of the Cherokee road. He believes  
that En<sup>d</sup> had it done but does not know  
who it was of a certainty.

He further swears that some men came to his  
house on another night when he was sick but did  
not whip him then but said they would on account  
of going to the Garrison in South Carolina. He  
believes that Daniel Dover was there on the last  
night. They said they wanted all the arms that  
the negroes had.

Dover to and subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup>  
Nov<sup>r</sup> 1871.

John F. Bydlatte, U.S. Comm.

N. L. Long.

Calvin Patterson.

Witnesses in this case.

Edward X Patterson

Mark.

Shells, N.C. 3.  
Nov. the 11<sup>th</sup> 1871

Daniel Blalock

Heard before me this day  
Daniel Blalock after being sworn says that  
on about the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1871 a party of  
men came to his house in disguise in the  
night and come in the door was open and  
his wife was standing in the door as soon as  
they came they yelled surrender & stuck his wife  
on the head with a pistol. They then went to  
a drawer and broke it open & threw it in their  
bed they laid hold of him and said surrender  
and give up your gun. They then took him  
out of the house and carried him to his  
son's house & broke his door down and took  
him out and laid both the father & son down  
together and then beat both with their arms.  
And then yelled fire. They then went to his  
house & ordered the keys of the drawers and his  
wife surrenders the keys. They then searched  
the house & said to his wife do you know any  
of us, if you do and say anything about it  
hell will be your portion. There is five hundred  
of us between this and the Big Bend. They  
then robbed the house of cloth leather and  
various things and then went off. He is  
certain that John Northy Wm Northy Wilson  
Eliester & John Loring were the some of the



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men that were in the raid.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me  
John F. Sedolotte his  
U. S. Commissioner Dan. X Blalock  
mark.

R. M. S. Randall & E. Quin.

Appeared before me this day  
Rennulus Randall & E. Quin and being sworn  
said that they joined the Ku Klux Klan  
for the purpose of self-protection that one  
Frank Ellis used threats of intimidation  
which induced them to join & that B. F.  
Ellis was the man that initiated them and  
they further swear that they never have been  
in any raid and in any meeting when any  
raid has been planned.

Sworn to & Subscribed before me this day  
John. M. 8<sup>th</sup> 1878

R. M. S. Randall  
E. Quin

Columbus Foreman was whipped in March  
on the same night that Morit Rippey  
was whipped he swears Mike Borders helped to  
do it.

5.

Caroline Graham & Charles Hopper

Appeared before me this day  
Caroline Graham & Charlotte Hopper and swear  
that they were taken out of their house  
and whipped by a parcel of men in disguise  
so this was done some day in March 1878.  
They swear that Newton Hopper & Rufus  
Starns are some of the men that did it.  
Sworn to & Subscribed before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day  
John F. Sedolotte his  
U. S. Commissioner Caroline X Graham  
mark.

his  
Charlotte X Hopper  
mark.

Sarah Ann Dellinger.

Appeared before me this day  
Sarah Ann Dellinger and swears that  
on or about the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1878. Richard  
Belmet John Beam Junr and James Hendrick  
Junr with several others came to her house  
and ordered to open the door which she did  
Belmet Beam & Hendrick came in the house  
and asked her how many children she had  
and who was the father of them they then



C.

Struck her three times with a stick and  
ordered her to leave the house she was living  
in within three weeks if she did not they  
would send her to hell.

She did not recognize any of the other parties  
as none of the first came the ones came in the  
house had on disguises.

Known to & subscribed before me this the 10<sup>th</sup>  
day of Novemb. 1871.

John F. Rudlotte, Sarah H. Dellinger  
U.S. Commissioner mark. I

Dirly Carls.

lives on Square Hames.

Plantation says that about a year ago the sa-  
me night Abr. Mitenel was whipped a party  
of men came to her house and broke one of  
the doors open and came in they were disguised  
they asked her if she had ever seen any Ku Klux  
and said three more they staid there some time  
which had they asked her son if he had any  
 pistol or gun he said he had not and they  
consec him to went off telling the people if any  
body followed them they would shoot him.

She says she recognized John Wilson who lives  
at Mr. Hugh. Now he was only slightly  
disguised with a bunch of hair across his nose.

Spitueger  
John & Carl's } sons.  
11/10/71

Shelby, V.C. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1871.  
Christopher Conner.

Appeared before me Christopher  
Conner and after being sworn said that  
after being grievously threatened and once  
badly abused he was induced to join the  
order as he then thought was called the Ku  
Klux Klan that he had notice if he did  
not join in nine days his life would be taken  
and he joined through fear. He was initially  
initiated by J. B. Moys Esq. and after he joined  
the first notice he got was to go and help  
whip John Gold but affidant did not go.  
the notice came from Richard Felmet.  
Felmet afterwards told him Conner that  
several of them went to Gold's house &  
surrounded the house and Gold broke and  
run and got away after being fired at &  
wounded he mentioned some Logan  
either the Sheriff or his brother don't know  
get Marcus Kentworth. The next notice was  
to go & whip the Bradder family. Richard  
Felmet the Chief told him Conner to  
meet at the stand on the County line  
Road that there was to be a meeting  
of two dens that night and that the  
Bradder family was to be whipped but  
he did not go but understood that



The Braddy's were whipped on that night  
the next notice was to go and whip the  
sons. The notice came from Richard Belmont  
to meet close to Rob. Waghenters.

The following named men met  
Richard Belmont. Thomas Baker Sinkner  
Conner James Hendrick John Beam Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Wm Putnam Aaron Beam Robert Carpenter  
Robert Carpenter did not go in to the raid  
but was in the meeting and brought the black  
king from his house for the rest to black  
their faces. Ichabod Trammel was sworn in  
on that night was in the meeting but did  
not go on any raid this raid was made  
some time in April 1871.

Christopher Conner further swears that he was  
sworn to support the conservative party at  
all hazards.

Sworn to and subscribe before me this the 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of Nov. 1871.

John F. Bydlotte  
U. S. Commissioner

C. Conner.

David C. Hamrick.

Appeared before me this day  
David C. Hamrick swears that John Hardin  
had him sworn into the Ku Klux order  
and told him he was at his house in disguise  
on one night and scared him and made him  
tear down a corn crib in which his uncles  
corn was cribbed, and he further swears that  
the said John Hardin came him disguised,  
he further swears that he has been in one mee-  
ting with him when James Hamrick was or-  
dered to be whip. This meeting was held on  
or about 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1871.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of Nov. 1871

John F. Bydlotte  
U. S. Commissioner

D. C. Hamrick

Samuel Graham. Clayton Wyley. Finitta Bell.

This day personally came Samuel  
Graham. Clayton Wyley. Finitta Bell and swear  
that some time last February that a cove of  
men came to their houses and broke the doors  
of their houses down and took them out of their  
houses and whipped them with switches unmer-  
cifully, and they further swear to the names of



Calvin Holman. Duane Conner. Archibald Price  
Pinkney Mullineau. Newton Hopper. John Allen  
Shadreck Allen. Rufus Starns.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 11<sup>th</sup> 1871.  
John F. Bydlotte  
U. S. Commissioner

his  
Sam. x Graham  
mark.  
Clayton x Wyler  
mark.  
Finetta x Bell  
mark

Bart Goins

Appeared before me this day Bart  
Goins who after being duly sworn deposes and  
says that on about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1870. that  
Richard Morris. Newton Hopper. James Wood  
Thos Williams Peter Meabary. Goram Hopper. John  
Hopper. Eliza Logan. Ann Shorim. Robert Bell  
and Jacob Castner went to the house of Abram.  
Hamrick, Col. broke down the door and took him  
out of the house and whipped him he thinks that  
they gave one hundred and fifty Lashes.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this day Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1872  
John F. Bydlotte  
U. S. Commissioner

B. Goins.

L. P. Conner.

Appeared before me this day  
L. P. Conner and swears that on or about  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 1871. at preaching at  
Jacob Hoyes House. Rev. N. H. Moxs preached  
there that night, that after preaching Richard  
Folmet himself Napoleon Beam took Elize  
Beam out in Jacob Hoyes lot and Richard  
Folmet initiated Elize Beam into the order  
of the Invisible Empire of America; he swears  
that Jacob Hoyes was standing near by while  
Folmet performed the ceremony and Folmet  
then said to Beam you can go now you are  
all right. Jacob Hoyes then stood up to Folmet  
and said I want to see you one minute and  
told Folmet that he must make a raid and  
whip a negro at Esq. Hoyes and to come to his house  
and whip a negro boy that he was saucy.  
Hoyes gave Richard Folmet his pistol on that  
night and told him to keep it and use it for that  
purpose he does Folmet afterwards told him that  
he did with David Allen whip the boy at Hoyes.  
he further swears that he heard Troy Beam and  
David Wallace tell Richard Folmet to go and whip  
Ursula Dalton, he says that he saw David  
Wallace in a meeting near Allen Baker in the  
woods at that meeting a fellow by the name of



12.  
Joseph Earle was sworn in and they talked  
about changing peoples roles and stop the war  
about in this country and said there must be  
some way done to change Christopher Conners  
role David Wallace said if it could not be  
changed one way it must be done another  
that he had talked to him about it himself,  
this meeting was on about the 15<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 1870  
at this meeting David Wallace was in disguise  
Richard Felmet.

Sworn to and subscribed this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1871.  
John F. Bydlotte  
U.S. Commissioner

L.P. Conner.

Franklin Barret.

Appeared before me this day  
Franklin Barret and swears that Bart. Coins  
told him that he was on a raid at Christopher  
Conner on or about the first of last March and  
to keep his wife from having any suspicion he  
told her that he had been to Hendricks to a  
wedding or infair and he does not recollect which.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me the 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1871.

John F. Bydlotte.

his

Franklin x Barret.  
mark.

13.  
Franklin Barret

Appeared before me this day  
Franklin Barret after being sworn says that  
some time in March 1871 himself Dury  
Allen Penn Allen Bart Coins Dixin Cam  
Belen Mahary Watt Anthony And Sperlin Rufus  
Starns John W. Hopper met together at the  
Sally Turner House; he says it was a Ku Klux  
meeting & that Walter or Watt Anthony was the  
chief and it was agreed in council that night  
that they all should go and whip a nigger at  
Rufus Roberts and then to go to George W. Quin's  
house and talk to his wife about talking about  
the Shub scrape. They went to Roberts  
and whipped the black boy and then went to  
Quin's but did not find Mrs Quin at home,  
some of the crows went in the house he does  
not recollect who not does he know what was  
said or done while there he swears that near  
ly all of the crows was in disguise.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of Decbr 1871.

John F. Bydlotte  
U.S. Commissioner

his

Franklin x Barret  
mark.



David Allen.

Appeared before me this day David Allen and swears that Turrell Camp told him on the evening before Mrs Quin was whipped that R. S. Logan told him that Mrs Quin would be whipped on that night he further swears that Wm Ellis told him that he was in the raid made on Mrs Quin and that Anti Allen Eli F. Allen George Roberts Austin Anthony Dickson Camp he says he thinks all of these boys belonged to the Ku Klux. He thinks Camp told him that Mr Logan said he had better get away so he would not be accused.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of Nov. 1871.

John F. Audlotte  
U. S. Commissioner

David Allen.

Henry Oats

Appeared before me this day Henry Oats and swears that some time last he was whipped by a party of men and he knew Wilson Hester John Levine William North were a part of the men that whipped him. Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1871.

John F. Audlotte U. S. Commr.

Henry Oats

J. C. Putnam

Appeared before me this day James C. Putnam and swears that a raid was made on his mother by a party of disguised men and they told him if he did not join the Ku Klux they would kill him. he says he afterwards joined the Ku Klux was sworn in by Sud. Hardin in the town of Shelby. he swears that he was in the raid when Mrs Samuel Quin was whipped and he says that Denny Allen Eli F. Allen George M. Roberts Austin Anthony Wm Ellis & Richard Camp he swears that his understanding at the time was that Mrs Quin was to be whipped at the instance of Mr. R. S. Logan and he further swears that he had a conversation with the Rev. R. S. Logan on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst at Pleasant Hill Church and that Logan told him to say nothing about the whipping of Mrs Quin. Sworn to & Subscribed before me the 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1871.

John F. Audlotte  
U. S. Commissioner

J. C. Putnam.



Hannah Price.

appeared before me this day Hannah Price & swears that some time in Oct. 1871 a company of men came to her house & broke the door down and came in, broke open her chest & took a pistol, drank some liquor that was in the chest and gave her two licks over the head with a gun and kicked a sick child that was in bed she swears that Pinkney M. Mulina Ashury Mulina Charles Humphrey Nat. Humphrey & George Dover, these men were had handkerchiefs on their faces she says that they came to her house on another time after the last time they were not in disguise and told her to tell Mike Craig to leave the rail road they did not interrupt her the last time Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1871.  
John F. Feltzlotte  
U.S. Commissioner.

Hannah & Price  
mark.

George W. Mc Clean.

appeared before me this day George W. Mc Clean after being sworn says that some time in August 1869 a party of men partially disguised came to his house and shot through the door then they broke the door down and came in the house and went to the bed where he was sleeping and held a pistol in his face and said "God dam you get out of bed & take him out of the house & beat him with clubs for some time they told him that they whipped him for voting the Radical Ticket they then searched for arms but not find any but told him the next time they co. me back he would get hell. He says that John F. Dickson James Wilson John Herndon Lawson Herndon Pres. Fells were some of the men that whipped him. Sworn to before me this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1871.  
John F. Feltzlotte  
U.S. Commissioner

this  
George W. Mc Clean  
mark.



James T. Hoard.

Appeared before me this day  
James T. Hoard after being sworn says that  
he joined the Ku Klux. that he belonged to the  
Muddy Den and Jonas Plunk was the Chief  
he says he was in two meetings the first  
when he initiated there were present Advt.  
Steward Mike Steward Perry Long Marshall  
Bridges this meeting was some time in the  
year 1869. the next meeting was in the spring  
of 1870. there was present Jonas Plunk John  
G. Hill Advt. Fronckburger one of Lackey Boys  
Mike Steward that one Col. initiated he says  
that John G. Hill told him some time after  
that L. M. McFire was chief of the County. he  
says that he received orders from Jonas Plunk  
to make the raid on Christy Coner in March 1871.  
and that he acted under the orders he received.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 30<sup>th</sup> 1871.

John F. Audette  
U. S. Commissioner

J. T. Hoard.

Thornton & Susan Ellis.

Appeared before me this day  
Susan & Thornton Ellis and after being  
sworn say that some time in the fall of  
the year 1869. a party of men came in  
disguise and some got into their house  
they took the husband out of the house and  
made him lay down on his belly & stretch  
himself out two of them stood over him  
with pistols while the rest whipped his  
wife. She is positive that Wade Parker & Susan  
Parker were the men that whipped her  
afterwards they went off they told her that  
they whipped her for insulting old Mrs. Parker  
which she denies doing.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 1871.

John F. Audette  
U. S. Commissioner

Thornton & Ellis  
mark

Susan  
her  
mark.



Shelby Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1871.

Giles Blalock.

Appeared before me this day  
Giles Blalock after being sworn says that  
on or about the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1871. a  
party of men came to his house broke down  
the door forced him out and laid him down  
with his father and beat both of them with  
their guns and then went off a small dis-  
tance and ordered fire and fired off their guns.  
They went into his house and robbed it of  
almost every thing in the house. they then  
went in the direction of the Gold Mine.  
he is certain that John Northy. Dr<sup>m</sup> Northy. Nelson  
Hester & John Ewing were the men that were there.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nov.  
John F. Audlotte  
U. S. Commissioner  
his  
Giles x Blalock  
mark.

Rufus &amp; Caswell Hamrick.

Appeared before me this day  
Rufus & Caswell Hamrick after being sworn  
swear that some time in Nov. 1870. they  
were both induced to join an order called "  
Invincible Empire of America. they swear  
that they did it through fear and self  
preservation believing that they would receive  
no harm from others if they did not join  
they were sworn in by Frank Ellis Chief  
Deputy in and raid nor in any meeting  
where a conspiracy was formed.  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 13<sup>th</sup>  
day of Nov. 1871.  
John F. Audlotte  
U. S. Commissioner  
his  
Rufus x Hamrick  
mark.  
C. Hamrick



# Abner Howe.

Be it remembered that on this day before me the undersigned United States Commissioner in and for the State of North Carolina came Abner Howe a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut 4<sup>th</sup> Artillery U. S. Army and being by me duly sworn doth depose and say that he informed and believes that George Turner Joseph Lacher Dock Bell Robert Bell David Ramsour Walter Anthony Mat Humshree Eliza Rosa Seabough Henry Seabough Rufus Mads Walker Moore & Robert Mads. together with diverse others unknown within the District of South Carolina on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1871. did unlawfully conspire together for the purpose of depriving a citizen of the United States of the equal protection of the laws and of equal privileges and immunities under the law contrary to the act of Congress approved April 20<sup>th</sup> 1871. and deponent further says that in the act of committing certain offences contrary to said act of Congress murder was committed in and upon one Thomas Roundtree a citizen of the United States contrary to sections six and seven of the Act of Congress approved May 31<sup>st</sup> 1870. And deponent further says that he has good and substantial reasons for believing that the said Joseph Lacher Dock Bell Robert Bell

David Ramsour Walter Anthony Mat Humshree Eliza Rosa Seabough Henry Seabough Rufus Mads Walker Moore and Robert Mads. are lurking within the District of North Carolina and evading arrest under a warrant issued by Samuel T. Poirier a Commissioner of Circuit and District Courts of White States for South Carolina & dated November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1871. Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Dec. 1871. John F. Schlotte U. S. Commissioner for N.C. Abner Howe. Deponent

# James G. Wear

Appeared before me this day James G. Wear who after being duly sworn by me deposes and says that some time in March 1870. he found a letter near his house signed H. K. R. which letter he swears was for the purpose of intimidating him from exercising his rights under the Constitution of the U. S. and he swears to the best of his knowledge that James Ellison James Wear Junr. Wm Herndon Junr. Wallace Herndon were some of the men that were concerned in this affair. Sworn to & subscribed before me this day Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1872. John F. Schlotte. U. S. Comm. James G. Wear.



Martin Guiton

Appeared before me this day  
Martin Guiton after being sworn by me  
says that Nathan Ashe sent him word some  
time in the month of June 1876 to come to  
see him and on his going he told him  
Guiton that it was a fine thing he had come  
for that the Ku Klux had their ropes ready and the  
liquor bought to get drunk on and they  
were going to hang him Guiton but Ashe said  
he thought he could save him and told Guiton  
to go to Capt. Payne and see what could be done.  
With it whereupon Nathan Brook said that he  
would accompany Guiton to Capt. Payne and on  
the way told him Guiton not to say very much  
to the Capt. but let him do the talking on going  
to Payne and called him out and told their  
business, Payne then said you can go home and  
be a good boy & rest easy and say no harm of  
the Ku Klux and you shall be safe.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 2<sup>d</sup> of Jan. 1872.  
John F. Aydlotte  
U. S. Commissioner.

L. P. Connor.

Appeared before me this day  
L. P. Connor and after being duly sworn  
deposes and says that while he was in Raleigh  
attending the United Court L. M. McAffee  
came to him while he was sitting on the steps  
of the State house and asked him if there  
was any chance for him McAffee to stop his  
Connor's oath against him Connor swears  
that he told him he did not know as there was  
but that he would see him again and McAffee  
told him to come to his room on that night but  
he did not go.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day  
John F. Aydlotte  
U. S. Commissioner. L. P. Connor.

James Swink

Appeared before me this day  
James Swink and after being sworn by me  
says that on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Decr. 1870  
a party of disguised men came to his house  
in the night and took him out of the house  
and beat him with sticks and rocks and  
knocked his wife down and beat her with sticks  
and he swears that his wife in consequence



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of the treatment <sup>was disabled</sup> for life was disabled he swears  
that Riley York J. E. Osborne. David Tullent. Alfred  
Cook. Tho. Chapman. John Carpenter. Wm S. Cook  
were the men that whipped him, and crippled  
his wife.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1871.

John F. Aydlotte

U. S. Commissioner

James M. Swink

Isaac Rippey

Appeared before me this day Isaac  
Rippey after being duly sworn by me says that  
on or about the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 1870. a party  
of men came to his house in disguise & dragged  
him out of his house and beat him very bad and  
he swears that Ruben Harmon Wm Martin  
Tho. Martin Rufus Mols, Shuford Bowen David  
Ramson, George Young, Frank Ellis, Bern Hamrick  
were the men that whipped him.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day

John F. Aydlotte

U. S. Commissioner

his  
Isaac x Rippey  
mark.

27.  
Jane Wright

Appeared before me this day  
Jane Wright who after being duly sworn  
by me deposes and says that on about the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1870. a party of men came  
to her house in disguise and opened the door  
after the door was opened a party of  
them came in the house and laid hold  
of her and dragged her out of the house some  
of them struck her on the head several  
times with some hard substance she could  
not tell what they then tore all of her clothes  
off of her leaving her naked one of them got  
a straddle of <sup>her</sup> neck and some of them whirled  
her they then threw a rope around her  
neck as though they would hang her, she then  
went to the house and left them standing in  
the yard, she does not know when they left.  
She swears that Bruty Pratt Stafford Morrow,  
Francis Patterson, John Patterson Jun<sup>r</sup> were a  
part of the men that whipped her.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 1872

John F. Aydlotte

U. S. Commissioner

her  
Jane x Wright  
mark.



Philip Goforth

Appeared before me this day Philip Goforth who after being duly sworn by me deposes and says on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> Oct 1870. a party of disguised men came to his house in the night in disguise he was asleep when they came, and they broke him in breaking down the door & shooting they then asked him for his gun which he gave them they then took him off and whipped him at one place and then took him off about a half a mile & whipped him again he thinks that they gave him one hundred lashes he swears that he was unable to go for some time he swears that he is certain that Sheriff B. F. Logan was one of the men that helped whip him, that the false face he had on was torn on one side and he could see his face, and that he had been acquainted with Sheriff Logan before and knew him by his voice he did not recognize any of the balance.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this Jan<sup>ry</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1872  
John F. Adolotto  
U. S. Commissioner

his  
Philip x Goforth  
mark.

Philip Goforth.

Appeared before me this day Philip Goforth who after being sworn deposes and says that on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Novbr. 1871. he came to the U. S. Comm<sup>rs</sup> office in Shelby for the purpose of making Affidavit as to who had whipped him. The Comm<sup>rs</sup> told him to come back on the next day and he would attend to him the next day. On the next day as he was on his way to Shelby he was met in the road by Joseph Boone who asked him if he was going to Shelby to make Affidavit said that he was going to attend to his own business. Boone said that if he deponent ment and told on any of those men he would have him whipped until his hide would not hold stuck, and for that reason he deponent did not go to Shelby but returned home, and did not come until he had assurance from the U. S. authorities that he would not be molested.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day Jan. 2<sup>d</sup> 1872  
John F. Adolotto  
U. S. Commissioner

his  
Philip x Goforth  
mark.



## Catharine Buff.

Appeared before me this day Catharine Buff after being sworn says that on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb 1876. a party of disguised men came to her house in the night and ordered the door open her husband opened the door and they rushed into the house and dragged her out of the bed and took her out of the house, and said: "God damn you get down on your knees and go to praying for me intend to kill you." She then got down on her knees. She swears that there was seven of them and they all gave her seven licks apiece after they had whipped her they asked her if she knew any of them. but she did not make any answer. She swears that W<sup>m</sup> Gates Sen<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gates Jun<sup>r</sup> Au<sup>d</sup> Putnam J. D. Putnam were a part of the men that was there she thinks John W. Whitworth was in the crowd but is not certain.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1876.

John C. Twillette

U. S. Commissioner

Catharine Buff  
mark.

## Philip Buff.

Appeared before me this day Philip Buff after being sworn says that on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb 1876. a party of disguised men came to his house in the night and ordered the door open and on his opening the door they rushed into the house and dragged his wife out of bed & whipped her severely. he says that her was whipped by the same party but not so bad as they whipped his wife. he was ordered to leave the house in five days he swears that W<sup>m</sup> Gates Sen<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Gates Jun<sup>r</sup> Au<sup>d</sup> Putnam Dixon Putnam were the men that whipped himself & wife. Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 1876.

John C. Twillette

U. S. Commissioner

Philip Buff  
mark.

John W<sup>m</sup> Whitworth

Appeared before me this day John W<sup>m</sup> Whitworth after being sworn says that he belongs to the order known as the Ku Klux and was sworn in by John Green Hill. he swears that he was on the raid made on Philip Buff and wife on



or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb. and he swears that  
Larkin S. Kindrick W<sup>m</sup> Gates Dixon Putnam  
Geo: Putnam Jackson Hallman Daniel Hallman  
were the men that was in that raid he swears  
that all of the men were in disguise some  
of them were dressed in woman's cloths he says  
that they whipped them very bad he further  
swears that to his knowledge the whole of the  
party belonged to the order known as the Ku-  
Klux.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of Decr.

John F. Aydlotte

U. S. Commissioner

J. W. Whitworth

Samuel H. Rippey

Appeared before me this day  
Samuel H. Rippey who after being duly sworn  
made deposes & says that he was initiated in  
to the Invisible Empire of America by Benj.  
Logan in the month of Feb. 1869. at a school  
house near Able Eurls. He attended 3 meetings  
afterwards and he swears that he saw Benj. Logan  
in disguise on the Publick Highway some  
time in March 1870.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> Janr. 1872

John F. Aydlotte

S. H. Rippey

Abm. Hamrick

Appeared before me this day  
Abm. Hamrick and swears that some time  
in Oct. or about 15<sup>th</sup> day 1870. a party of men  
came to his house in disguise some of them  
& come not and ordered him to come out  
and said if he did not they would break  
down the door & bring him out themselves.  
he says he went out and they struck him  
with a stick and then laid hold of him &  
blindfolded him and took him to the road  
some fifty yards from his house. They then  
cut him with clubs so that he was unable  
to work they put something in his eyes that  
nearly put them out he swears that he re-  
cognizes Eliza Logan Bart Gvins & John Hopper  
and Tho<sup>s</sup> Williams as being some of the party  
that whipped him.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1870

John F. Aydlotte

U. S. Commissioner

his  
Abm. x Hamrick  
mark.



# Charles B. Blanton.

Appeared before me this day Charles B. Blanton who after being duly sworn he deposes and says that on or about 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1871. himself Ben<sup>y</sup> Hamrick, Postel Seabough W<sup>m</sup> Pattison Jun<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Leno<sup>r</sup> Jun<sup>r</sup> Perry Gibbons George Blanton met at the Sulphur Spring Camp Ground all in disguise and it was agreed to go and take Bias Feneburger out and whip him he says that Ben<sup>y</sup> Hamrick the chief told them that night that it was agreed on in council for Bias to have twenty five lashes and he swears that Ben<sup>y</sup> Hamrick told him that Henry Seabough & Ole Leno<sup>r</sup> was the council that had told to do it he further swears that afterwards he met a KKK meeting between Henry Seabough & Jacob Gibbons in the woods there was present at that meeting himself George Blanton Henry Seabough Ben<sup>y</sup> Hamrick Mrs. Reman George Hamrick it was agreed to go and see Bias Feneburger whether it was agreed to whip him or not he does not recollect he says that they went to his house but did not find him at home he says that all of the parties were in disguise then they met from Bias Feneburger on the way to the branch

near Mr. Rippy and there the crowd separated and himself George Blanton Remond Pruss went from there to Mr. Hamricks and called out old Cudy Hamrick and whiped him and after that went home he swears that it was agreed on for them to go and whip old Cudy Hamrick before the crowd separated this was done in 1<sup>st</sup> of March or last of Feb<sup>y</sup> 1871. he further swears that he was in another meeting some time in the fall of 1870. and that there was present at that meeting Glenn Borders, Mike McEntire, Gibson Rufus Hamrick Mrs. Anstis Martin McEntire Ben<sup>y</sup> Hamrick Mr. Reman George Hamrick he swears that some of them were in disguise the intention of the meeting he does not know sworn to & subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1872 John F. Audlotte U. S. Commissioner C. B. Blanton.

# Th. H. Bridges.

Appeared before me this day Th. H. Bridges and Lodi Dixie swears Druby Allen told him that himself Dickson Camp, Austin Anthony James Putnam, George Roberts, W<sup>m</sup> Ellis he said were the men that whipped Mrs. Quin on or about the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1871. sworn to & subscribed before me this the 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1871 John F. Audlotte Th. H. <sup>his</sup> Bridges U. S. Commissioner mark



A. H. Mofs.

Appeared before me this day A. H. Mofs and after being sworn says that Richard Felmet came to him some time in the month of April 1871 & said to him Mofs you must go with us to night to the stand on the county line road to hear Capt. Plato Durham make a speech, he told Felmet he did not care and went, and on the way Felmet told him that it was a Ku Klux meeting, Mofs then said I know nothing about it, Felmet replied I will show you something, on coming to the place, they found some hundred or more men there, a great many that he does not know Durham did not come, the company talked of a great many things one was that John Willman ought to be killed but he does not think that any thing was determined with regard to him, it was then ordered that a family of women by the name of Braddy should be whipped that night, and Richard Felmet Franklin Beam Pinkney Petty Samuel Petty Dan Grigg Wilson Martin James Hendrick Junr Wm Hendrick & A. H. Mofs went to the house of Widow Braddy and broke down the door and went into the house & dragged the women out & whipped them very bad, they told the women that if they did not keep better order the next time they would burn down the houses,

they were all either in disguise or had their faces blacked there were present at the meeting others than those in the raid that he knew David Wallace Washington Dellinger John Beam Junr & Ledford boys, James Hamrick D. H. Beam & James Wright.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this day 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1871  
John F. Rudlette his  
U. S. Commissioner A. H. & Mofs  
mark.

Pransum P. Logan.

Appeared before me this day Pransum P. Logan & swears that he was initiated into the Invisible Empire of America in the town of Shelby some time in the year 1870. by Ben. P. Logan. he says that he never was in any meeting nor in any raid nor does he have any knowledge of any persons that have been in any raid where any person has been abused in any manner by persons in disguise he thinks the substance of the oath taken by him was to support the Constitution of the U. S. in its original purity.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 1871  
John F. Rudlette  
U. S. Commissioner P. P. Logan.



Samuel Grigg.

Appeared before me this day Samuel Grigg after being sworn says that some time in the month of Decr. 1870. a party of men came to his house and broke down the door and asked for him and said if they could find him they would kill him. he then left the county for safety. he is certain that John Beason, Benj. Lovelace, David Green, Thompson Barnett

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1871  
John F. Ludette  
U. S. Commissioner  
his  
Sam. x Grigg  
mark.

Philip Spake.

Appeared before me this day Philip Spake Junr after being duly sworn by me deposes and says that on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Janry he was intimidated and threatened with punishment for appearing as witness before U. S. Commr. Scoville & the U. S. Court at Raleigh and he swears that H. West, M<sup>r</sup> Ginnis and Michael Aker were the men that used the threats.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 1872.  
John F. Ludette  
U. S. Commissioner  
Philip<sup>his</sup> x Spake  
mark.

Joseph Patterson.

Appeared before me this day Joseph Patterson and swears that he was at the house of Mrs Graham on or about 14<sup>th</sup> of Febr. 1871. when a parcel of disguised men came to the house & broke down the door and took him out and ten of them hit him five licks a piece they told him to run and as he ran they shot him. they said they whipped him for working on the rail road that he must go & work for some farmer. He has no idea who has done it.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 1871.  
John F. Ludette  
U. S. Commissioner  
Joseph<sup>his</sup> x Patterson  
mark.

Clara Hambright

Appeared before me this day Clara Hambright and swears that some time in Feb. 1871. a party of disguised men came to her house & called to open the door after the door was opened five of them came in and laid hold of one David Glover who was boarding with her and ordered him to give up his arms. He says he did not have any then they went away & came back again took Glover out of the house & whipped him severely. She says that they cursed & abused her very bad. She



believed that Dan. Dwyer was one of the persons present.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1878.

John F. McElvett

Clara <sup>W</sup> Humphreys

U. S. Commissioner

mark.

## Madison Hullender.

Appeared before me this day, Madison Hullender who after being duly sworn by me deposes & says that after being frequently raided on and threatened to be whipped & killed he was almost forced to join the Invisible Empire of America. Deponent swears that he was told by Robert Revels that if he would join he would be saved and deponent swears that Robert Revels, Mat. Humphreys, Lafayette Revels & David Revels came to his house in the night towards the latter part of March 1871. and told him that if he did not go and join that party and be a white man & quit being a radical that they would kill him. Deponent went with them and on the way they met Asbury Mulinan and he turned and went with them. they went about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile after meeting Mulinan, to an old field near Sud. Hardins where was assembled a great many other men. they then told him to get down on his knees and they all made a ring around him,

but once and he stood before him he was then blindfolded and the man before him administered the oath the sum of which deponent does not recollect only the latter part of it which was that if he divulged any thing of what he had seen or heard that night that death would be inflicted by the hand of a brother. he recalled that Sud. Hardin was chief at that time & administered the oath to him and the same night Hardin resigned to be chief and Robert Revels was elected to fill his place. there was present at that meeting Sud. Hardin chief, Robt. Revels, Lafayette Revels, David Revels, John Downey Black (Downey's son in law) James B. B. T. D. Futton David Harmon, Washington Harry Columbus Mulinan Asbury Mulinan and some five or six he does not recollect who some of them were in disguise and held the pistols near his head when they swore him in and a committee of three was appointed at that meeting and it was ordered that the den should do whatever they said should be done and J. D. Futton John Downey and Sud. Hardin were appointed committee and Asbury Mulinan was to act on the committee when necessary. they talked about the Sam. Eilers affair but that was deferred to another time to give the committee time to make a decision, the den then



adjourned to meet the next Saturday night. Following they met on the next Saturday night at the Miller old field near Geo. Lorry some twenty five or thirty Deponents did not get there until late near the close. Washington McHarry was making a talk to the crowd in a very low tone & said he charged them to keep every thing perfectly quiet and profoundly secret from the outside world, and not to raid unless some negro or blamed radical insulted them and then to wear them out, after Harry finished talking the den dispersed and started home, and Revels called to some of them and said we are going the other way tonight for to whip some body they did not say who. Deponent heard of Sen. Morgan and Abn. Michel being whipped that night. He swears that all of them were in disguise that night except Robt Revels & W. M. Harry. Deponent saw Robert Revels swear in Martin Earls on one Sunday evening near his house, he swears that three weeks after the last meeting the Committee on the Sam. Etters case reported that Etters must be whipped and Robt. Revels must take the men under him and go & do it and that on the evening before that Etters was whipped Robt. Revels came to deponent's house and requested deponent to go to Etters and tell Allen Williams to come and see him, he, Revels, wanted Williams to go and guild some cabins down on the river

for Mr. Hoves a rail road contractor. Revels afterwards told him he did not want Williams for that reason but to ask him to go with him, Revels to visit Etters as he said Williams had asked to be informed when this was to be done. So he could stay at home that night and not be mistrusted. He says he does not know if or not Williams belonged to the order but he had the signs and pass word. That night the party went and whipped Etters. Revels his two sons Wm. Frailey Ashburn Mulinar and Matt Humphrey came to his house about 9 o'clock and called him up and said they were going out on a spree and wanted him to go with them and he told them he could not leave home as he was afraid some of his property would be stolen if he left it and Revels said none of his excuses and that he should go at the same time drawing a pistol & telling deponent he (deponent) knew what he, Revels, would do if the deponent did not go. He went with the party to Drury Turner and called on him to go along & then went to D. D. Stullens brother of deponent who joined the party, then went to Dick Davis house where they found him, Martin Earls Rufus Clark all of whom joined the party. They then went to Etters house, all in disguise but the deponent who



pulled his hat down over his face as he went into the house. Robt. Revell, Lufayette Revell and Mrs. Frailey took hold of Ethers and took him out of the door and some distance from the house, telling Ethers as they started they were not going to hurt him, but wanted to talk to him. Dehonment stayed at the house and when the party came back he was told they had whipped Ethers. Revell told him this and also that Drury Sumner struck Ethers in the head with a pistol. The party then came back to Dick Davis and then separated & went home.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1872.  
John F. Swolotte  
U. S. Commissioner

W. H. Hurlenver.

L. P. Conner.

Appeared before me this day L. P. Conner after being duly sworn deposes & says that David H. Beam & Stephen Tromberger and Richard Felmet held a council at Prospect Church on Sunday and Beam & Tromberger told Felmet that if he would whip Sam. Cuts they would whip Wilson Martin and Dehonment was ordered to meet at the cross road at the stand on the county line road on Saturday night. Dehonment did not know what was to be done, but after he went the chief told him the chief told him they were to whip Sam. Cuts on that night also. Elizabeth Collins on going to the meeting he found Richard Felmet, Osborne, William's Pink, Beckett, John Beckett, James Wright, Jun. Burton, Patterson, David Allen, Jacob Larson, William Hendrick, Plunk, Sedford they then proceeded to Jeff. Black's house and hid out and Mr. Lyden said Stone got up and came to the door and Richard Felmet told Stone to wake up Mr. Black up and after Black was wakened up Felmet went into Black's house, Felmet asked Black where Sam. Cuts lived and Black told him where to find Cuts, at George King's sleeping in a room on the piazza. The company then proceeded by the directions given by



To Mr. Black and some others according to  
 directions. Delmet told each that they were  
 going to whip Cuts & Elizabeth Collins that  
 night. Delmet was sent after Jacob Mauney  
 who had promised to meet them at the old Sam  
 yars and before Delmet got with the crew  
 again they had got to the place <sup>near night</sup> and  
 floor down & had Cuts out of the room in the  
 yard. Richard Delmet was holding Cuts then  
 then beat him with sticks. The company then  
 went and whipped Elizabeth Collins, after that  
 the company dispersed. Delmet says that some  
 time in April 1871 he went to Michael Carpenter  
 and on his way home after dark he met Richard  
 Delmet Wm Putnam, James Heinrich, Jonas  
 Baker, Christ. Conner, John Beam, Jas. Aaron  
 Beam, Rob Carpenter, Richard Tammel. He was pulled  
 by Richard Delmet and asked who was there and  
 Delmet said come to me if you want to go to him  
 Delmet told him he must go and help whip  
 a negro by the name of And. Dixon and they  
 went and whipped the negro And. Dixon.  
 Sworn to & subscribed before me 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1871  
 John F. Herbert  
 U. S. Commissioner L. P. Conner

P.S. He further swears that on or about the  
 1<sup>st</sup> of March a party of men, disguised, came

to his father's and used him very bad knocking  
 him with pistols & guns and threw several  
 rocks at him and he knows one of the men to  
 be John Hayde. He has his shirt out over his  
 other clothes but has no disguise on his face.  
 Sworn to before me this the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1871.  
 John F. Herbert  
 U. S. Commissioner L. P. Conner

## J. C. Borders.

Appeared before me this day  
 J. C. Borders who after being sworn by me  
 deposes & says that he joined the Invisible  
 Empire of America some time in the year  
 1870. in the fall that he was sworn in by  
 Carl L. Mc. Mc. Lee in the town of Shelby  
 in W. Quinn's tailor shop. he says on his  
 way home from Shelby he met Jacob McEntire  
 & Ford Haines and asked them where they were  
 going to a "K. K." meeting and he turned and  
 went with them to object at the meeting was  
 to organize a new den. A. P. Austell was elected  
 clerk and himself munc. O. P. Gibson took  
 for what he and Gibson both objected and  
 that was the first & last meeting of K. K.  
 Austell's den. there was a committee appointed  
 to investigate something about a meeting



Benjamin Hamrick Mike McEntire & several  
Hamrick that if it could be found out who  
did take the watch from Anthony Chambers  
that they must take it back or pay fifteen  
dollars to him for it & if they would not do it  
either they must take what the men did take  
from the hen off the roost; beside those mention-  
ed were there C. B. Blanton disguised W. B. Ribbey  
Ben Hamrick in disguise, Perry Gibbons dis-  
guised and I believe Merah. Perryman disguised  
D. C. Price Millins Saratt and James Randall  
Orator Hamrick. the next meeting he same  
where he was, was at George McTearns old  
house some time in the spring of 1848. this  
meeting was called by A. N. Thompson to  
settle the disturbance that was got up about  
the watch matter deponent was called on to  
explain what was done at the last meeting  
He testified to them and he did so. The next thing  
done was to appoint a Committee and to  
say what should be done with a man that  
took any private property on a raid, or that  
drunk and the four chiefs present were asking  
for a committee to investigate and report &  
after consultation they reported that the members  
of offending should pay 25 per cent of the value  
of such property to the chief of the den to which  
he belonged. Deponent says that does not meet

my feelings and H. R. McSwain asked Depon-  
ment what his feelings were and he replied  
I was not able to express them. There were pres-  
ent at that meeting James Randall, Linen  
Bancall, Martin Randall not certain Henry  
Seaburn, George Blanton D. C. Price, A. N.  
Thompson, Smith Hopper, Anton Hamrick  
Obe Saratt, Ben Hamrick, C. B. Cristell, Rufus  
Hamrick not certain B. F. Ellis Robt. McJ's  
some in disguise. This is all deponent recol-  
lects at present.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 1848.  
John S. Bylotter  
U. S. Commissioner J. G. Borders.

Benjamin Hamrick,

Personally appeared before me  
Benjamin Hamrick who being duly sworn  
by me deposes & says, he was initiated in the  
Invisible empire of America a few days  
before Christmas 1840. by Ben Logan having  
been blindfolded by Logan just above Logan's  
house near the Sulphur Springs camp ground.  
A few days after this, Logan told deponent  
there was to be a raid through the streets of  
Shelby "just to show". They all meet at  
Lully Wilkain House on the Post Road, must



of them in disguise about 15 in number, then met near the "Hamm Limb" where there was about hundred and fifty. Then they came to Shelby and rode through the streets about 10 or 11 o'clock at night. They called for Dick Tully colored, but he was not at home. Bill Shepard called for him. He was told that Whiteside & Turner were in town, and they were to show. That night there was in the party Ben Logan, Matt. Moore, Postell Seapough, Logan Ellis, June Hooper, Matt. Anthony, Jim Wood most of them in disguise. He heard Bill Shepard say he was riding Senator Whiteside's horse. There were several persons standing on the porch of the hotel that night not in disguise. After this we went home. Jim Wood after this told deponent that the wife of Preacher Elam was killed that night by the Bison Creek and Long Creek men. He swears that about a month after this there was a meeting of the men at Earls school house & that he was present together with Ben Logan, Jacob Goins, Reuben Runyon, John Borders, Abel Earls, Dixon, Postell Seapough, Matt. Moore, Jason McIntyre, Sam. H. Rippey, Matt. Humphrey. There was one in disguise as it was not custom to wear them at meetings. The meeting began with Smith Adams. Ben Logan

was the chief on that night. Adams was sentenced to be whipped. About a week after Ben Logan, Albert Borders, Matt. Humphrey, Jake Parker, Postell Seapough, Frank Turner, James H. Martin, Cam. Rippey & Ed. Patterson met at Graham's Bridge in disguise and whipped Smith Adams. This was shortly after Christmas 1870, and went from there to Thornton Ellis and whipped Ellis wife went from there to Jeff. Browns and whipped Jeff. then went home.

About a month after this there was another meeting at which deponent says he was present together with parties he can't recall. Ben Logan was chief. Several were sworn in at that meeting but deponent does not recollect who they were.

Deponent says he was present at other meetings with Ben Logan as chief but does not recollect what was done there.

A few days before the election of August 1870. Deponent swears he was talking to Ben Logan about the election & Logan told that any man that didn't vote the conservative ticket would be striped. After Logan was elected Sheriff a meeting was held at the corner of a fence between Henry Seapough and Jake Givens house.



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Ben Logan was there as chief deponent says he was himself and Jacob Gibbons & Matt Moore George Blanton he thinks Charles Blanton was Henry Seebough Postel Seebough Abel Runyon Marion Logan Abel Earls & John Shure and James Rippey & Pinckney Rippey. Ben Logan rose up in disguise. Logan resigned that night and said it would not do for him to be caught on a raid then as it would ruin the country. They voted in deponent as chief that night and deponent swears that it was taken about that night that Old Bias should be whipped but it was not finally determined on by the Council Jacob Gibbons Abel Earls Samuel Rippey afterwards the deponent home; at the next meeting which was held about a month after Jacob Gibbons Abel Runyon Marion Logan Henry Seebough Postel Seebough Jacob R. Seebough Henry Borders William Rippey and others he does not recollect at that meeting Old Bias was sentenced to be whipped and Abel Runyon Postel Seebough George Blanton & Charles Blanton Baxter & son William Patterson Jun<sup>r</sup> went in disguise and whipped Old Bias after that the deponent dispersed and went home; at the next meeting it was voted by the council who said that the Council of Matt Anthony's deponent wanted George

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A. Rippey whipped and asked them to tell Hamrick to take his deen and do it his council that ordered George A. Rippey whipped was Jacob Gibbons Abel Earls and S. H. Rippey he says that he went with Abel Runyon Postel Seebough Perry Gibbons George Blanton & son Patterson Ben Lemmons Edward Rippey son of James they went to Rufus Roberts where the man Rippey lived and just as they got there Matt Anthony's deen had finished whipping George A. Rippey but he deponent not knowing it caught & whipped him again and afterwards dispersed and went home and the next meeting deponent resigned and was never in any more meetings he swears that he saw Ben Logan at a meeting just before he resigned and deponent told Logan he was going to come out of it and he Logan asked him "how" & he deponent said he would publish a letter in the Rutherford Star and come out on the radical side & Logan replied if you do you may not see the sun rise. This all deponent recollects at present. Sworn to & subscribed before me the 13<sup>th</sup> 1872.  
John P. Giddette  
U. S. Commissioner B. H. Hamrick



## Benjamin Hamrick.

appeared before me this day Benjamin Hamrick who after being duly sworn by me says that on the night the raid was made in Shelby some time after Christmas 1870. they were met by some one who assumed the command of the crowd at the Hancey Lint, and said attention and said that White Sides was all right that he <sup>had</sup> joined the party that evening and that they must all vote <sup>for him</sup> and deponent swears that to his best recollection it was Lewis McFee's voice that he heard use the above expression. They then came on to Shelby and rode through the streets and down several men on the steps at the hotel. Deponent says that Joseph Turner Junr made a speech in town that day and deponent swears that Ben Logan told him that L. McFee was chief of the county of Cleveland and that Frank Ellis the chief of Ellis den told him that L. McFee was chief of the Cleveland's County. the deponent swears that he acted under orders from McFee on one occasion & that was in the winter of 1870. Deponent he says that it was when McFee came from the Legislature to take Christmas he swears that McFee said that Congress was about to pass a Ku Klux Bill and that they must disband and not raid any more. Deponent swears

that the meeting was held in the Buff house in Decr 1870. Deponent swears that McFee said he had orders from the higher authorities of the state and he thinks he mentioned the names of Bragg & Strong and those orders were to stop raiding. he swears that McFee made a speech to Chiefs den and some other officers present. Deponent recognizes the names of the following men called that night by L. McFee Wm Shepard. present. Frank Ellis. present. David Beam. present. Richard Belmont. present. Ant. Putnam present. and several others Deponent does not recollect. he swears that some time after that a colored man by the name of Green Ripper said to Arch. Warren that he Deponent was on the Elbe Ripper raid and that he Green Ripper intended to stop Deponent's breathing. Deponent came & told Capt. Plato Durham what he had heard and Durham said if that was so Deponent had better get his den together & go & kill him. Deponent says he told Durham that he would not do it unless he intended to kill him and deponent swears that a crowd came as far as a pine grove Church to kill the Green Ripper but Deponent got word of it and stopped them at the above place and he recognizes two men that were with them on that night. Hacked Blanton, Shelton Weaver, he did not know any more.



they being all the men he talked with he says that Matt. Humphrey asked him to go & help to kill Prof. Brown Tree, he swears further that Gafney Logan told him, deponent to go & advise with Plato Durham about the threats used by Green Rippee that Plato Durham belonged to the Ku Klux Klan. Deponent says that he was satisfied that Gafney Logan belonged to the order and from his information went to Durham he says that Postel Seeburg's was with him at the same time, when he consulted Durham.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the Janr. 15<sup>th</sup> 1872.

John F. Tiedotte

U. S. Commissioner

B. H. Hamrick

Samuel Ethers

Appeared before me this day Samuel Ethers after being sworn says that on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May his house was assailed by a party of men in disguise and the first thing he knew a pistol was fired off near a window of the house and immediately the door was ordered to be opened and before he could open the door some of them rushed against it and almost broke it down he then opened the door and was ordered to shut it & so when an other what he did they then quashed the door and ordered a light to be raised he made

a light and three of them laid hold of him & dragged him some distance from the house & whipped him he thinks he received one hundred and fifty lashes he swears that to the best of his knowledge and belief that Robt. Penels, Lafayette Penels, David Penels, W<sup>m</sup> Fraike, Lawrence Weathers, Richard Davis, Martin Earl's, August Earl's, Drury Turner, D. Hullender, Madison Hullender were the men he swears that they were all in disguise. Sworn to & subscribed before me the 19<sup>th</sup> Decr. 1872.

John F. Tiedotte

U. S. Commissioner

Samuel Ethers

Henry Borders

Appeared before me this day Henry Borders who after being duly sworn by me deposes and says he was initiated into the order of the Invisible Empire of America in the fall of 1869. as well as he can recollect by Ben. Logan there was present at that meeting B. F. Logan, Jacob Gibbons, Mat. Moore, Ab'l Earl's & others he does not recollect who at that meeting there was nothing done only to initiate members, the next meeting where deponent was present was held at the same place James Rippee son of Edward was sworn in nothing more was done at this meeting. The next



meeting was held at the Crane Yard on Eden  
and Phelps's land at that meeting there were  
present Mr. Earls, Ben. Hamrick, Mr. Runyon  
John Runyon S. H. Pissary, M. Turner this was  
held just after Christmas in Janr. 1871. at this  
meeting Ben. Hamrick said we have got to  
have a council to try Green Pissary that he  
Pissary had threatened his Hamrick's life, and  
that Depovent said he would not have any  
thing to do with it, Depovent thinks that  
Mr. Earls was council of the den but as to  
that he is not certain there was no raid pla-  
ned on that night as Depovent knows of af-  
ter that Depovent went home. This is all the  
meeting Depovent was ever in, nor does he of his  
own knowledge know of any raid or any mee-  
tings after this.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the Janr 15<sup>th</sup> 1872.

John F. Aydlotte

U. S. Commissioner

Henry Borders

Allen Thrift

Appeared before me this day  
Allen Thrift who after being duly sworn  
by me deposes and says that on or about  
the 15<sup>th</sup> of March 1871. himself, Norton Hopper  
Watt, Anthony Rich, Price, Rob. Bell, Anier,  
Sordim, Polier, Allen, William Ellis, Josiah Luckey,  
Peter Maybury, Frank Barrett, John Hopper, Bart  
Goins, Rufus Starns, Richard Cam's, Doc. Bell,  
went in disguise to Esau. Rufus Roberts, and  
whipped a negro man he thinks Henry Pissary  
was his name but as to that he is not certain  
and Ben. Hamrick brought a crowd of disem-  
bed men. he Depovent does not know who en-  
cept Ben. Hamrick certain because he talked  
with him and he thinks was the chief of the den  
over about the springs and he swears that Ham-  
rick asked him to take his Depovent's crowd and  
go in the Hoque's settlement but Depovent's crowd  
refused to go, he Depovent swears that Hamrick's  
den came up just as they had finished whipping  
the negro at Esau Roberts, and he swears that Ham-  
rick's crowd whipped the same negro that night  
that his crowd had whipped, and that Depovent with  
others of his crowd went up and told Hamrick  
that the negro had already been whipped enough  
and to not whip him any more. The two dens then

Sworn to & subscribed before me Janr 15<sup>th</sup> 1872. John F. Aydlotte U. S. Commissioner



Christopher Conner.

appeared before me this day  
Christopher Conner & swears that on or about  
the 15<sup>th</sup> March 1871. a party of disguised men came  
to his house & "hollowed" hollow" and said Conner get up,  
we want you to go for the doctor, he got up & went  
out. they then said you have been passing this old  
woman's here without speaking you damned old  
radical son of a bitch, they then said "have you not  
your father's papers here and have you not your  
father's tools here and other things & a note on W<sup>m</sup>  
Merrison, they then threw three rocks at him and  
hit him with sticks and jolted him with sticks,  
they then gave him a letter and told him to read it  
and burn it and if he did not comply with it  
death & hell should be your portion and gave him  
five days to decide whether or not he would join the order  
of Ku Klux and he swears to the best of his know-  
ledge that Tho<sup>s</sup> Stewart John Green Skiff Scophens  
Fronchurser James Hoard George Barrett Samson  
John Harris, were in the party.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the Month 20<sup>th</sup> 1871.

John F. Ludette  
U. S. Commissioner

C. Conner

L. J. Conner.

appeared before me this day  
L. J. Conner after being duly sworn he swears  
that on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1871. a Ku Klux  
meeting was held at the house of David Wallace  
and it was agreed in the meeting that Joseph  
Carpenter should be whipped and he swears that  
Pinch Bechout John Bechout James Wright son  
& James Wright son Bedford Hendrick, Chas<sup>s</sup> Hen-  
drick W<sup>m</sup> Hendrick, Sam<sup>l</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Wilson Pinckney Ho-  
gues Frank Beams Mark Whitworth David Hob-  
stuller Ben Justice Jun<sup>r</sup> Prior Justice Tyler Justice  
Os. Williams Sidney Wright and Richard Putnam  
were in the raid made on the above named party  
and he swears that Frank Lewis & Tho<sup>s</sup> Lewis  
were in the meeting when the raid was planned  
also David Wallace James Hendrick Jun<sup>r</sup> David  
Allen Robert Smith John H. Smith.

Sworn to & subscribed before me the Dec<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1871.

John F. Ludette

U. S. Commissioner

L. J. Conner.



H. M. Warren

Appeared before me this day  
H. M. Warren and swears that Car. Henrich  
has and is retailing liquor without licenced from  
the Government he swears that he has bought li-  
cues from him by small quantities  
Sworn to & subscribed before me the Novr 15<sup>th</sup> 1871.

John F. Truette his  
U. S. Commissioner H. M. x Warren  
mark.

Crawford Kindrick

Appeared before me Crawford Kin-  
drick after being sworn says that he was sworn  
in the Ku Klux order by John Green Hill that he  
was in one raid made on Mr. Henrich but that  
there was nothing done only to scare him he swears  
that Walter Lathrop, Thos. Williams were a part  
of the crew and he swears that they are all he  
knows that was alone on that night.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this Decr 19<sup>th</sup> 1871.  
John F. Truette his  
U. S. Commissioner Crawford x Kindrick  
mark.

A. E. Rungan

Appeared before me this day  
A. E. Rungan who after duly sworn has sworn de-  
posed that he was initiated into the order of  
the Invisible empire of America by Ben. Logan  
some time in the year 1870. he thinks in the  
month of Janr. he swears that the first raid  
was in was the one that Smith Adam was  
whipped there was in that raid B. F. Logan  
Chief himself, Ben. Hamrick, George Turner,  
Brem Turner, Amos Knut, Jacob Parker, Nat  
Humphrey, Albert Borders and others he  
does not recollect after whipping Smith Adam  
the crew went to Thurston Ellis and whipped  
his wife and went from there to Green Phipps  
but did not find him at home and from  
there to Jeff. Browns and whipped him and  
disbursed and went home this raid was made  
in Janr 1870. the next meeting in the crew  
men following there was present that meeting  
Ben. Logan, Ben. Hamrick, Edward Patterson  
Galney Logan don't recollect any more at  
that meeting there was nothing done. The  
next meeting subsequent was at Trus hole clo-  
se to Jacob Gibbons at the corner of Hamrick  
hence present subsequent Ben. Hamrick, George  
Heppner, Jacob Gibbons, Ben. Logan, David Brown



Jasper Blackwell and others don't recollect who on that night Ben Logan rode up in disguise and that meeting Ben Logan resigned being chief and Ben Hamrick was elected chief in his place. Depovent does not recollect that any thing else was done that night. Depovent was in several meetings after but does not recollect that any thing was done until the raid on John Anderson Ripper. Depovent swears that he was in that raid but that Watter buttern's Ben had whipped him before Hamrick got there. There was on that raid Ben Hamrick, Ben Turner, George Wright, Jasper Black, Ben Simmons, Miles Francis and others don't recollect who this was made in Feb. 1871. Depovent swears that he was in the raid made on old Bias some time in the fall of 1870. There was in that raid Ben Hamrick, Charles Blanton, Dr. Lenny, Perry Gibbons, William Patterson, son of Betty Crasman, Bettis, George Blanton, they whipped Bias after that dispersed and went home. Depovent was appointed chief some time afterwards but did nothing as shortly after they dispersed.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this Jan. 22<sup>d</sup> 1872.  
John F. Sycotte, his  
U. S. Commissioner. John x C. Rameau  
mark

Judi Graham.

Appeared before me this day Judi Graham who after being duly sworn by me deposes & says that some time in the later part of August 1870 a party of disguised men came to her house and looked the door down and came in and ordered the family to get up. her husband got up they laid hold of him she got up after a pistol was drawn and threats made that they would shoot her then they took her & her husband across the creek both her husband & herself were in their night clothes. She swears that they tied her and whipped her inhumanly her husband was forced to stand between two of them who were armed and look on while his wife was whipped. She recognizes Eliya Logan, Joseph Camp's son, Nathan Camp's.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this Jan. 24. 1872.  
John F. Sycotte, U. S. Commissioner. Judi x Graham  
mark

George Wright.

Appeared before me this day George Wright who after being duly sworn by me deposes & says that he was sworn in the Terrible Empire of America by Ben Logan, present Albert Burdick he swears that he was on the raid on old Bias and on John Anderson Ripper he swears that is all he knows about it. Sworn to & subscribed before me Jan. 22<sup>d</sup>.  
John F. Sycotte, U. S. Commissioner. George x Wright  
mark



A. M. McComb.

Appeared before me this day A. M. McComb who after being duly sworn by me deposes & says that some time in the last of November 1870 a party of disguised men came to his house, Deponent met them in the yard. They told him he was the man they wanted to see, upon that they laid hold of him and took him some quarter of a mile from the house and one of them said "let him go God damn him I am ready for him but the one that has hold of him did not let him go they told him Deponent, they were going to whip him they then made him get down on his knees after they had stripped him Deponent naked and Deponent thinks they gave him eighty to one hundred lashes and such was the severity of the whipping that Deponent fainted under the lash. he recognizes as present or has good & sufficient reasons for believing that J. F. Green, Theo. Pelly Brewet Pelly, Stanford Pelly, Prior Pelly and Anson Nicholson were the men that whipped him on that night. he Deponent further swears that he was whipped again on the last of Jan'y or the 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb. 1871 and that he has good & sufficient reasons for believing that J. F. Green, Finch Calanzy, House Beatty, John Harlan, Lake, Moore, James Wright, George Hamrick, Grimeson, Ramsey, Richard M. Martin, G. S. Elliott were the men that whipped him on the above mentioned time.

A. M. McComb

Sworn to & subscribed before me Jan'y, 1872.  
John P. Bylotte, W. S. Combs

George Blanton.

Appeared before me this day George Blanton who after being duly sworn by me deposes & says that some time in the winter of 1870 he was asked to join a secret organization by Jacob Gibbons who represented to Deponent that said organization was harmless and was a good thing. Deponent upon the representation of Mr. Jacob Gibbons joined the order known as the Invisible Empire of America was sworn in by Ben. Logan, M. Edward Rippeys Esq. he thinks in Jan'y 1870. The first meeting Deponent attended was at Mr. Earl's school house there was present at that meeting Mr. Earl, Jacob Gibbons, Jacob Parker, Ben. Logan, John Borders, Wm. M. Hargy & others. Deponent does not recollect who on that meeting sentence was passed on Smith & Wams, Thornton Ellis wife, Green Rippey, Jeff. Brown, this meeting was held some time in Jan'y 1870. Deponent swears that the sentence against Smith & Wams was carried out by Ben. Logan, Chief Albert Borders, George Blanton, William Moore, Jacob Parker & others. Deponent does not recollect who. The next raid Deponent was in was one made on Brins Tro, neburger but did not find him at home, there was in that raid Ben. Hamrick, Chief, M. Brunyon, Perry Lemmons, Lemay Patterson and others not



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recollected, this raid was made about a month before Bias was whipped. The next meeting raid Deponent was in was the one made on George Moore Ben Hamrick was Chief, George Blanton, George Wright, Jasper Blackwell, Frank Ellis, Ab. Runyon, Postell Seapough, there may be others but Deponent does not recollect who, this raid was made in Jan<sup>y</sup> 1871. The next raid was made on Bias Frenchman there was on that raid Ben. Hamrick Chief, Deponent, Ab. Runyon, George Wright, Charles Blanton, William Patterson, Thos. Lowry, Jr., on that night they whipped Bias but not much. Deponent was at the meeting when Gustels Den was organised present. Deponent, Charles Blanton, Newton Hamrick, Oliver Gibson, Glen Borders, thinks Rufus Hamrick but is not certain, others in disguise, Deponent does not recognise them, also Quillos Sarrate. The next raid was the York Martin raid there was on that raid Amos Rustil, Rob. Ellis, Doblin Green Simmons, Mr. Swain, Kingley Green, Young Hamrick, James Champion, thinks Charles Blanton, Pink Blanton, this raid was made the last of Feby. or the first of March, Deponent says that they whipped York Martin very bad, the next meeting Deponent was at was held at the corner of Mr. Hamrick's fence near Jacob Gibbons, present at that meeting Henry Seapough, Ramson's Dr's Ben Hamrick, Ab. Runyon, Perry Simmons, Charles Blanton, Perry

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Gibbons, this meeting was held for the purpose of going on a raid to whip Elizabeth Williams but Henry Seapough told the crowd she was not home, and Seapough further said he had rather she would not be intercepted, all in disguise at that meeting except Seapough, the Den went then to Perry Dr's, but did not find him at home, the crowd then separated and Deponent and Charles Blanton, Ramson's Dr's went and whipped Juv<sup>r</sup> Hamrick, Deponent swears that the Perry Dr's raid was planned in the presence of Henry Seapough and he, to Deponent's knowledge did not object.

This raid was made some time in the spring of 1871.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1872.

G. Blanton.

John S. Lytoller  
U.S. Commissioner



Benz Hamrick

Appeared before me this day  
Benz Hamrick who after being duly sworn  
by me deposes & says that in August 1870 at  
the Campmeeting at Eas Springs Benz Logan  
told Deponent that a crowd went to the fence  
where John Roberts son of Hugh Roberts was and  
laid hold of him with the intention of running  
off with him to thrash him but that Roberts  
was not so easily taken as they expected and in  
the scuffle was about to get loose and Logan told  
Deponent he & Logan struck Roberts in the head  
with his pistol inflicting a severe wound Logan  
told Deponent that James Glenard was with  
him also Clinton Andrews Logan asked Deponent  
to go with him but he refused Logan told Deponent  
that they were going to thrash Roberts, he  
said he had been cursing the Ku Klux and Conser-  
vatives and Logan told Deponent that the blood  
from Roberts wound spouted on Logan's hands and  
Logan told Deponent that he went down to Jesse  
Cibbent's and washed the blood off of his hands  
Deponent to & subscribed before me this day January  
the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1872.

John F. Harlotta.  
H. S. Commissioner.

B. H. Hamrick

Benz Hamrick

Appeared before me this day  
Benz Hamrick who after being duly sworn by  
me deposes & says that the oath he administered  
to the men he initiated into the order of the  
Invisible Empire of America was this: "I before  
the great and Immaculate God of Heaven & Earth  
do of my own free will & accord subscribe to  
the following sacred and binding obligation, I  
pledge aid to a member in distress of pecuniary  
circumstances, female friends, widows & orphans  
shall ever be objects of my special care and pro-  
tection, I further more promise and swear to  
support the Constitution of the United States  
in its original purity as decreed to us by our fore-  
fathers, I further more promise and swear that  
I will forever denounce the radical party, I further  
more promise and swear that if I should ever  
divulge or cause to be divulged any of the secret  
signs or grips or any thing else pertaining to this  
Society that I must suffer the awful & fearful pe-  
nalty of a traitor's doom which is Death, Death  
dealt by the hand of a brother, this is the oath that  
was administered to Deponent when he joined the  
Invisible Empire.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this Janu 24<sup>th</sup> 1872  
John F. Harlotta.  
H. S. Commissioner.

B. H. Hamrick



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Albert Jennings

Appeared before me this day  
Albert Jennings who after being duly sworn by  
me deposes and says that on or about 22<sup>nd</sup> of  
November 1870. a party of disguised men came  
to his house in the night and broke down the  
door and came in & went directly behind the door  
where his bed was and struck him on the head  
and knocked him down and dragged him out five  
to yards from the house and threw him over the  
fence and then stabbed him in the breast with a bayonet  
and cut him with a knife and stabbed him in the  
back with a knife and cut at his neck with a  
knife and then tried to lay him up in a counterpane  
but could not they then took him to the flat rock hill  
and one of them knocked him down with a gun  
which belonged to Eli Fullenwider and they asked  
deponent if the gun was loaded, deponent answered  
no James Alexander said: break it but some one  
in the crowd replied don't break it for it's uncle  
Eli's and James Alexander replied Fullenwider  
is a fool to loan a negro a gun break  
anyhow they then asked why he had the gun deponent  
replied Mr Fullenwider gave me the gun to protect  
his field but to do no one any injury one of them step  
up and said I whip you for being a radical and  
nothing else you damned rascal, and of them said

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do you want to know who a Ku-Klux is, he re-  
plied I already know you they then beat deponent  
with clubs after that they left him he then came  
to Mr Fullenwider and had his wounds dressed  
and deponent swears that he has good suffic-  
ent reasons for believing that James Alexander  
Stephen Hornsby, and Miller, John Stephens  
Jun<sup>r</sup> Gaston George Gabaniff, Clinton Andrews  
Joseph Durham and John were a part of  
the men that whipped him, the rest he does not  
recognize.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day Jan<sup>y</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1872.  
John F. Twillette Albert <sup>his</sup> Jennings  
U. S. Commissioner. mark.

Naron Wilson.

Appeared before me this day  
Naron Wilson who after being duly sworn  
by me says that on the Thursday night before  
Christmas 1870 he was at his brother's in law in  
the town of Shelby and a party of men came  
to the house in disguise broke the door down  
and two of them came in the house his brother  
in law got a piece of plank and ran them  
out of the house and deponent held one over  
while his brother in law held the other to keep  
them out, they then commenced firing at the



door and dependent was shot twice one of the balls passing in his breast and the other in his thigh. Dependent then got his shot gun and li-  
red at the crows they then came back some little distance <sup>deposited them</sup> and run when the crows commenced shooting at him and trying to catch him, dependent made his final escape by crawling under Mr. Jesse Senkin's house, where he laid until near day. The night being very cold and snowing, dependent says that he suffered a great deal from his wound and is still unable to walk without the aid of crutches he swears that he was in bed five months in consequence of the wound he swears that Rock Tolly, Dick Tolly and Thonbony were a part of the men that was in the raid that night. Sworn to & subscribed before me this the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1872  
John F. Swolotte  
U. S. Commissioner

Aaron Wilson.

Columbus Morgan.

Says that in the same night Mike Rippey was whipped a party came to his house & whipped him he thinks it was the same party. He recognized Mike Borders in the house that night. Last Spring struck him 50 times and made him pray, asked how he voted.

G. W. McLean.

Lives on Bisons Creek says three years ago in August <sup>(69)</sup> a party of about two dozen persons came to his house in the night about 12 o'clock in disguise and took him from his bed and out into the yard and whipped him with big sticks and with his bridle. they accused him of stealing Alfred Falls shucks; he says they were disguised by many frocks on and paper on their faces with blue aside and he recognized in the party John F. Dixon, Samson Henderson, George Herndon & Bill Shepard, Reed Falls & Tom Ellison. there was a good light in the house and he could see all of them plainly. One of them cocked a pistol and put it in his face before they took him out of bed, before coming in they shot twice through one of his doors, after they took him out in the yard, some of the party called him a d---d radical.

About two weeks ago he was going along the road to Mr. Gamvill's and met Reed Falls who asked him if he hadn't been after the Yankees, he told him no. Falls then asked him if he hadn't been before Mr. Swolotte and he told him yes he had. Falls then told him he had told a lie & that he, Falls, would put him where the dogs couldn't get him. Raymond Haman's daughter told at the complaints



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house that she heard the noise at his house on  
the night in question.

Cordelia Bell

says some time last spring  
she with other women were coming along the road  
about midnight and met with some men in disguise,  
se who took her & whipped her, they told her they  
whipped her because she had been going to frolics  
& told her she ought to stay at home with her fa-  
mily. the man who whipped her she says was  
Pink Muliniana. she saw his face when he tried  
to speak to another man in his natural voice  
she also knew his coat, he held a pistol to her cocked  
and threatened to kill her to blow her d - d brains  
as she had been talking about white folks a man &  
two women were whipped at this time. Joe Port,  
Judson was the men who whipped and they also shot  
at & wounded him. She saw the shooting. Caroline  
Graham & Charlotte Hopper was along and saw  
her whipped & the shooting. This all took place  
in Phelan Bell's lane.

Larina Raffield

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Appeared before me this day  
Larina Raffield who after being duly sworn  
by me deposes & says that on or about the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of July 1871. a party of men came to  
her house in disguise and broke her house  
open but did not find her at home, they came  
to Mr. Jasper Glenn's and called for her and opened  
the door, and came in the house and called for  
the damned old woman that had spread the whooping  
cough in the country, they then laid hold of her  
and dragged her out of the bed, and three of them  
took hold of her, threw her about from place to  
place, until she was almost exhausted and brui-  
sed to death with the falls as they would throw  
she swears that they made an effort to expose  
her private parts, but some one in the crowd  
ordered them to stop and not do that, for they  
already done enough, she swears that she had  
good & sufficient reason for believing that Lee  
McAlister, Moses Clark, Philip Carpenter, Samu-  
el Steward, Leroy Watts, Lewis Fardette & others  
unknown were the men that did the act.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me this day Feby 20<sup>th</sup>  
1872.

J. F. Ayolotte  
U. S. Commissioner

Larina <sup>her</sup> Raffield  
mark.



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John A. Hopper.

Appeared before me this day John A. Hopper who after being duly sworn by me deposes & says that Bartlett Goins told him some eighteen months ago that he Goins was in the raid when Edam Willmen's wife was killed, and deponent swears that he had been on the Grand Jury of Cleveland's County after Goins made the above revelation to him but he did not make any reports of the facts for the reason that he did not think it was his, deponent's, duty to do so.

Sworn to & subscribed before me this day Feby. 25<sup>th</sup> 1872.  
John F. Ayslotte  
U. S. Commissioner

Ephraim C. Heffstutter

Appeared before me this day Ephraim C. Heffstutter, who after being sworn by me deposes & says that he joined the Ku Klux some time in the year 1869. was sworn in by Holly Heffstutter present D<sup>r</sup> Murphy, deponent was at one meeting held at Hog Hill schoolhouse there was nothing done at that meeting only several sworn in. deponent was in the raid where Wilson Borders was whipped there was in that raid Ephraim Heffstutter, Rufus Starns, James Wood, Tho<sup>s</sup> Williams

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Peter Mahany, Joseph Lackey. Deponent was ne, ver in any other raid nor meeting.  
Sworn to & subscribed before me the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Feby. 1872  
John F. Ayslotte.  
U. S. Commissioner. Ephraim C. Heffstutter.

May E. Prior

Appeared before me this day May E. Prior who after being duly sworn by me deposes and says that on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1871 a party of men came to their house in disguise and ordered the door opened and on their refusing to open the door they laid hold of a mattress and broke the door to pieces and came in and ordered her to make a light and that quick or they would kill her - Deponent attempted to make a light but did not as she had Rachela in her arms - they made a light themselves and searched the house for her husband and shot in the bed. they swore they would kill her husband if they could find him. they shot several times in the house. twice in the bed when they slept they were going to kill deponent's husband on account of his principles - when they left they said if her husband would vote the conservative ticket and quit protecting the negroes he would not be interrupted - Deponent swears that she has good and sufficient reason for believing that John Heffstutter, Nesh, Dameron, William Smyth & Calvin Clark were the men that did it.  
Done - &c Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 1872